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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Plans for Islamabad Remote Facility

This memorandum outlines our present plans for an Islamabad remote monitoring facility and the improvements in coverage we envisage being able to make with such a facility:

Coverage

Afghanistan

- + Kabul Domestic Service in Dari/Pashto (First Program) and in Turkmen, Uzbek, Baluchi, Nuristani (Second Program)
- + Kabul International Service in Urdu and English to South Asia

Soviet Regional Domestic Services

- + Broadcasts to domestic audiences in Kazakh, Kirghiz, Tadzhik, Turkmen, Uzbek as well as Russian from at least nine Soviet Central Asian stations, including the provincial-level radios of the capitals of all five Soviet republics in Soviet Central Asia (Alma-Ata, Ashkhabad, Dushanbe, Frunze and Tashkent), as well as other city-level radios.

Iranian Regional Domestic Services

- + Regional radios in Birjand, Jiroft, Sari and Zahaden (Eastern Iran)

Tehran International Service Broadcasts

- + Tehran International Service in Pashto (beamed to Afghanistan) and Russian (beamed to USSR)

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Coverage (cont'd)

Pakistan Regional Domestic Services

- + Regional radios in Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Quetta and Hyderabad

Others (Secondary coverage)

- + Sampling and possible coverage of Indian regional radios
- + Kashmir Domestic Service
- + Katmandu Domestic Service

Staffing

.. FBIS would staff an Islamabad facility with one American staff technician and two locally hired Pakistani operators. We do not envisage this as the first step toward an expanded operation.

Space Requirements

.. If space is available on official U.S. Government premises, we would prefer to locate there. If space is not available, we would certainly want to locate any facility in the immediate vicinity. We estimate we would only need a room with approximately 200 square feet of space, to accommodate up to eight receivers as well as recorders/transcribers and associated equipment. We would also need access to roof space for antennas, with the type of antennas to be used dependent on the amount of roof space available. We envisage using dipole, long wire and/or whip antennas, using poles no higher than 15-20 feet.

Communications

We would need four voice-grade commercial circuits to relay monitored broadcasts for processing.

Embassy Support

We would require a minimum of Embassy support. We would need to send and receive occasional messages, and utilize

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Embassy Support (con't)

Embassy assistance in handling shipments of equipment and in handling occasional other administrative details.



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